

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) for the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) to address a fecal coliform bacteria impairment in the Willis River. The Willis River was identified as impaired due to violations of Virginia's water quality standards for fecal coliform bacteria in a 14.3-mile segment in Cumberland County. The TMDL for this impairment was completed and approved by EPA in 2002 and is available on DEQ's website at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl>.

Section 62.1-44.19.7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an IP for approved TMDLs. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives. The IP should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits and environmental impacts.

The final public meeting on the development of the IP for the Willis River Basin impairment will be held on **Thursday, June 16, 2005, at 7:00pm** at the Cumberland Elementary School, located at 60 School Road in Cumberland, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting is to present and discuss the draft implementation plan for the Willis River fecal coliform impairments.

The public comment period for this public meeting will end on July 16, 2005. A fact sheet on the development of an IP for the Willis River Basin TMDL is available upon request. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Jason Ericson. Written comments and inquiries should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Jason Ericson, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, 101 N. 14th Street, 11th Floor, Richmond, Virginia, 23219, telephone (804) 225-3389, fax (804) 371-0771, or e-mail jason.ericson@dcr.virginia.gov.